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Title: NETWORK COMPRISING A PLURALITY OF NETWORK NODES AND AT
LEAST ONE STAR NODEAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450AMENDMENTINTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 21, 2004,

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks: